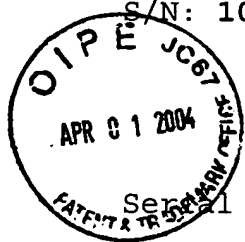


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Applicant hereby reports the issuance of a Search Report in the corresponding European application. A copy of that Search Report and the references cited therein, together with PTO Form 1449 listing each of the references is attached hereto.

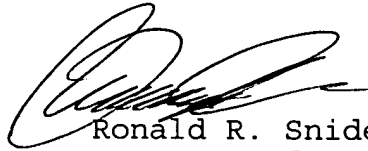
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It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider each of these references and indicate such consideration by enclosing an appropriately initialled copy of the enclosed form PTO-1449 with the next communication from the Patent Office.

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